

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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MERGER OF DEPTT. OF TELEGRAPH WITH BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to merge the Department of Telegraph with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) whether these offices would be provided with latest Information Technology;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to enable the Telegraph Offices to face the existing global competition;
- (e) whether any scheme has been formulated to utilize the public fund;
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) & (b): Telegraph service is already a part of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.
- (c) Telegraph offices are equipped with Micro Processor based Message Switching network.Internet PCOs are also provided in some Telegraph Offices for public utility.
- (d) Telegraph services are not facing any global competition and hence there is no specific scheme enabling the Telegraph offices to face the existing global competition.
- (e) & (f): There is no proposal or scheme at present.